J.R.R. Tolkien

TTGT11 VI: Lick My Love Pump

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Subject: J.R.R. Tolkien. If a question relates only to the movies or only to the books, it will be stated as such; otherwise, assume the question relates to both. Given the fact that most of these answers are from invented tongues, considerable leeway will given for pronunciation.

Tossups

1. During a production of *The Iceman Cometh* he suffered a breakdown, walked out of the building (*), and didn't return to the stage for sixteen years, during which time he cultivated an impressive film career. When somebody asked him what it would take for him to go back to live acting, he reportedly stayed that he'd do it for a new play by Harold Pinter. Pinter got wind of this and promptly wrote *Moonlight*, in which this actor starred. FTP, name this actor who starred as Frodo in BBC Radio's *Lord of the Rings* and in Peter Jackson's movie as Bilbo.

Sir Ian Holm

2. One member named his dog "Strider," and evidently shouted its name during live performances of "Bron-Y-Aur Stomp." Better-known Tolkien references (*) in the group's music show up in "Over the Hills and Far Away" and "Ramble On," but band members have denied Tolkien's involvement in, FTP, this heavy-metal group's seminal "Stairway to Heaven".

Led Zepplin

3. Ioreth knew it well, and said it reminded her of the roses of her childhood when it was crushed over warm water. It can only be found (*), said Aragorn, where the Dunedain once dwelt. It appears twice in the books, and saves at least four lives, which isn't bad for this common weed that is, FTP, also known as kingsfoil.

athelas (accept 'kingsfoil' before it is given)

4. The Nandor split from the host of the elves when they reached this landmark on their first journey westward. In later years, it saw such momentous events as the death of Isildur (*), the murder of Deagol, the breaking of the Fellowship, and the departure of Boromir, whom it bore southward to the sea. FTP, name this "Great River" of Middle-Earth.

Anduin (prompt on GREAT RIVER)

5. This is his original name, but in the Third Age, he was known as Mithrandir, Láthspell, Stormcrow (*), Greyhame, Tharkûn, Grey Wanderer, Incánus, the Grey Pilgrim, the Grey Fool, Servant of the Secret Fire, Gandalf, and many other names in many countries. FTP, give this Maia's original name, from his youth in the West, which is forgotten.

Olórin

6. This land was first settled by the people of Elwë, but the Noldor moved in because of its proximity to Angband (*), where Morgoth had fled after his theft of the Silmarils. Legend has it that Tol Morwen and the Hill of Himring remained as islands above the waters that ruined this land at the end of the First Age. FTP, name this region, which saw six great battles between Orcs and Elves and provided the setting for most of the events of the Silmarillion.

Beleriand

7. Through the letters he wrote while serving as a soldier, he began editing Lord of the Rings (*) even before it was published. It wasn't the first time he had contributed to Tolkien's writing, though; it's said he caused the author no end of frustration when he caught a change in the color of Bilbo's door or the tassel of Thorin's hood. FTP, name this man, perhaps the world's only professional Tolkien fan and J.R.R.'s youngest son.

Christopher Tolkien

8. Notorious in more ways than one, this beast came to Middle-Earth in the First Age as a sort of fallen Maia. A distant cousin was cast from the cliffs of Gondolin (*) by Glorfindel, leading many fans to conclude that it could not, in fact, have had a pair of controversial organs. FTP, name this ambiguously-shaped demon battled with Gandalf on the Bridge of Khazad-dum.

A balrog

9. Two stewards of Gondor were named for him, thousands of years after his suicide. Their lives seem to have been much less tragic (*) than that of their namesake, who decided to fall on his own sword after his sister threw herself into a river upon realizing that she'd unwittingly married her sibling while she had amnesia. FTP, name this dragon-slayer from the First Age of Middle-Earth who shares his name with the hometown of a legendary Christian relic.

Túrin

10. This is also the name of a main character in a series by Melanie Rawn, but Tolkien readers know this as a later name for Calenardhon, an old province of Gondor (*). The Steward Cirion gave it to the people of Eorl the Young, and in return the new residents promised to come to Gondor's aid whenever called upon. FTP, what grassland kingdom was attacked by Saruman during the events of The Two Towers?

Rohan

- 11. In his youth, this man gave away his treat from the Great Cake to the girl sitting next to him, whom he later married (*). In later years, he brought back the Living Flower from Faery it was given to him by the Queen of Faery and became an heirloom of his family. So describes the plot of, FTP, which short book by Tolkien about a man with a star on his brow and a talent for ironwork?

 Smith of Wootton Major (accept SMITH before 'which short book')
- 12. **Tolkien dedicated his poem** *Mythopoeia* **to this man in an attempt (*)** to articulate his faith in mythmaking. After reading this man's works, Tolkien lamented that there was not enough religion in his own epics, ironic as it was Tolkien who converted this man to Christianity. FTP, name this author of *The Screwtape Letters* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Clive Staples Lewis

13. The most famous battle in this book occurred on St. Matthias' Day, against King Augustus Bonifacius. The hero's assets include a gray (*) mare, a talking dog named Garm, and a magic sword called Tailbiter. FTP, name this farmer who defeated a giant and tamed the dragon Chrysophylax, later crowned King of the Little Kingdom.

Farmer Giles of Ham (+5 for 'Ægidius Ahenobarbus Julius Agricola de Hammo')

14. Major Warren Lewis, Owen Barfield, Hugo Dyson, Dr. Robert Havard, Nevill Coghill, and Charles Williams were all members of this (*) literary society, which met at Oxford in the 1930's and 1940's for the purpose of criticizing each other's works. Members would read their works-in-progress aloud workshop-style at meetings of, FTP, what club most notably attended by Tolkien and C.S. Lewis?

The Inklings

15. One of its progeny was planted centuries later in the courtyard of Rath Dinen. It is the ancestor of Galathilion, who in turn is the ancestor of Nimloth (*), and was created by Yavanna as counterpart to Laurelin. Name—FTP—this tree, which bore silver fruit in the garden of the Valar, including that which became the moon.

Telperion (do not accept "the white tree")

16. This actor once requested that his broken tooth be repaired with superglue so that filming could continue (*). Over the course of shooting the film, he created a giant collage in the makeup trailers. He was said to be so dedicated that he would wear the costume off the set, and was once nearly arrested for carrying his sword. FTP, name this actor, nicknamed by his castmates "No-Ego."

Viggo Mortensen

17. Clue-finder, web-cutter, stinging fly, friend of bears, guest of eagles (*), Luckwearer, Barrel-rider, and Ringwinner are all, FTP, nicknames of what rotund hobbit also known as a burglar or expert treasure hunter?

Bilbo Baggins

18. This person is the master of the Shire-moot and captain of the Shire-muster and the Hobbitry-in-arms. The title was first held by the Oldbucks (*), but centuries before the Lord of the Rings it had passed to the chief Took. FTP, give this title, held from 1434 to shortly after 1484 by Peregrin Took.

The **Thain** (prompt of 'Peregrin' or 'Took' before they are given)

19. Telerin could be considered a branch of this language, but is not usually discussed in the texts and was not spoken in Middle-Earth. In fact, of the two Amanya (*) branches, only Noldorin was used consistently, and Vanyarin fell by the wayside. FTP, name this Elvish language, which Tolkien based on the pleasing sounds of Finnish, also called "High-Elven".

Quenya (accept 'High-Elven' before it is given)

20. He is a descendent of Girion and can understand the speech of birds. In *The Fellowship of the Ring* (*), Gimi states that this character's grandson, Brand, is now the King of Dale, a position that this character later took up in 2944. FTP, name this captain of the archers who slays Smaug.

Bard

21. This immortal was the last to leave Middle Earth, due to his love of the forests, and he often traveled east to visit. Some of his names are Aldaron and (*) Tauron, and his wife is Vána the Ever-Young. He carries the horn Valaróma and rides the white or silver horse Nahar. FTP, name this hunterlord of the Valar.

Oromë

Bonuses

- 1. Everybody squirmed when a beloved quotation was cut from the films, but we can still nurture our morsels of hope for the extended editions. For ten points each, identify the speaker of the following memorable lines from *THE RETURN OF THE KING*.
- A) "Kill gorgûn! Kill orc-folk! No other words please the Wild Men."

Ghân-Buri Ghân

- B) "Old fool! This is my hour. Do you not know Death when you see it? Die now and curse in vain!" the **Witch-King** of Angmar (accept: Lord of the Nazul)
- C) "You have robbed my revenge of sweetness, and now I must go hence in bitterness, in debt to your mercy. I hate it and you! Well, I go and I will trouble you no more. But do not expect me to wish you health and long life. You will have neither."

Saruman

- 2. We know there were five, but we only meet three in *Lord of the Rings*, which is too bad, since a five-way wizard's duel would probably be exponentially more fun to film. Answer the following questions about these wizened old visitors from the Uttermost West.
- A) For five points, what five emblems of their power did Saruman accuse Gandalf of not being satisfied until he had obtained?

Rods (accept STAVES or STAFFS)

B) For ten points, by what Elvish name were the wizards known, collectively?

Istari

C) For fifteen points, name either of the "Blue Wizards," who disappeared eastward on mysterious journeys of their own.

Alatar or Pallando

- 3. For ten points each, answer the following "riddles in the dark" from *The Hobbit*:
- A) A box without hinges, key, or lid / Yet inside, golden treasure is hid.

egg (accept EGGSES)

B) This thing all things devours: / Birds, beasts, trees, flowers; / Gnaws iron, bites steel; / Grinds hard stones to meal; / Slays king, ruins town, / And beats high mountain down.

time

C) I'll give you one chance to name any of Gollum's *four* incorrect answers to Bilbo's poser riddle, "What have I got in my pocket?"

Knife, handses (accept HAND), string, or nothing

- 4. Who shot J.R.R.? For ten points each, answer the following questions about Tolkien film interpretations.
- A) Can you name <u>either:</u> the director of the 1978 *Hobbit* animated feature or the 1990 *Return of the King* follow-up?

Jules Bass, Arthur Rankin, Jr.

B) Rankin and Bass produced not only *The Hobbit* and *The Return of the King*, but what beloved animated musical about an ungulate with a bizarre proboscis?

Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer

C) Tolkien Enterprises owner Saul Zaentz said in 1998 that he wanted to make a movie that would feature this British veteran as Greyhame. Gandalf Grayhame.

Sean Connery

- 5. Put your mouth where your money was—let's see how much you know about the Tolkien memorabilia of yesteryear.
- (5) For five points, what two-word phrase about the Ringbearer was immortalized by bumper-stickers across America in the 1960s?

"Frodo Lives"

(5) For five points, what alliterative name did a company begin using in 1987 to describe its Tolkien-themed figurines? Sure, they're are expensive, but a cave-troll's spear would probably slice right through them.

Mithril miniatures

(10) New companies scooped up the contracts a couple years back, but back in the day they had an RPG and a card game. For ten points, what ominously-named corporation published both *Middle-Earth Role Playing* in 1984 and *Middle-Earth: The Wizards* in 1995?

Iron Crown Enterprises

(10) Following the idea, what name do Hobbits give to things they have no immediate use for, but are unwilling to throw away?

Mathom

6. Given the synopsis, name the chapter from *The Hobbit* or *The Lord of the Rings*, for 15 points each.

A) While Gandalf and Theoden explore the ruins of Isengard, Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli find a couple of old friends washed up amidst the wreckage but as lively as ever. They exchange stories, and the reader learns how Saruman's fortress fell.

Flotsam and Jetsam

C) In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. One day his life is disturbed by the visit of a wizard. The wizard leaves after a while, but the next day thirteen dwarves show up, cause a great ruckus, and hire Bilbo as a burglar.

An Unexpected Party

- 7. Not only were some of our favorite lines dropped from the movies, but also some of our favorite characters and plot twists. FTPE, name these characters from descriptions.
- A) This character is also called Iarwain Ben-adar oldest and fatherless and he is married to the enchanting Goldberry. He saves the hobbits from a menacing willow.

Tom Bombadil

B) This handsome blond elf prince, the actual owner of the horse Asfaloth, left a green stone on a bridge as a token for the party, and helped defend Frodo from the wraiths by the river Bruinen.

Glorfindel

C) This character, however, seems to have been inserted into every scene possible and we have no idea why. Name this elf princess played in the movies by Liv Tyler, the Evenstar of her people.

Arwen Undomiel

- 8. They were Celebrimbor's masterpieces and were never touched by the hand of Sauron, though his One Ring had dominion over them. Given the description of each Elvish ring, identify its name and any of its bearers. Five points for each correct answer.
- A) the adamant ring of water

Nenya; Galadriel

B) the red ring of fire

Narya; Círdan or Gandalf (acc: Gandalf's other names listed in tu 5)

C) the sapphire ring of air, mightiest of the Three

Vilya; Elrond or Gil-Galad

- 9. You knew there had to be an actor bonus. FFPE, and a bonus five for all correct name the actor from the role they played.
- A) Meriadoc Brandybuck......Dominic Monaghan
- C) Éowyn......Miranda Otto
- D) Gríma Wormtongue.....Brad **Dourif**
- E) Gimli (and the voice of Treebeard)......John Rhys-Davies
- 10. FTPE, name these weapons given their wielders. Five points if you need the English translation of the name.
- A) The sword of Thorin Oakenshield.

English: Orc-cleaver

Orcrist

B) Gandalf's sword (from *The Hobbit*)

English: Foe-hammer

Glamdring

C) The spear carried by Gil-Galad in the Battle of the Last Alliance.

English: Icicle

Aiglos

11. FFPE, name any six of the thirteen dwarves from the unexpected party who traveled with Bilbo (or vice versa) in *The Hobbit*.

Thorin	Fili	Kili	Bifur	Bofur
Bombur	Gloin	Oin	Dori	Nori
Ori	Dwalin	Balin		

- 12. Sometimes it seems as if everyone in the *Lord of the Rings* is related to everyone else. FTPE, describe how each pair of individuals are related (according to the books, not the movies).
- A) Frodo Baggins to Bilbo Baggins

cousins

B) Aragorn to Elrond

great-grand-nephew (many times over; accept variations on this, but not father-in-law)

C) Goldilocks to Samwise Gamgee

daughter

13. There were three queens of Númenor, not counting Miriel, whose throne was usurped. FTPE, name them.

(10) Tar-Ancalimë (10) Tar-Telperien (10) Tar-Vanimeldë

- 14. The elves have three great dwellings left in Middle Earth in the Third Age. FTPE, name them from descriptions.
- A) The last Homely House, it is governed by Elrond Half-Elven and lies in a valley near the Hithaeglir, or Misty Mountains.

Rivendell

B) This land ruled by Galadriel and Celeborn is situated by the confluence of the Celebrant, Nimrodel, and Anduin rivers. Its name means "dream blossom" and it is famous for its trees.

Lothlorien

C) This "lonely island" lies within sight of the Elvish city of Tuna and is far to the West near Valinor, the home of the gods.

Tol Eressëa

- 15. People who enjoy music...might enjoy this bonus. 5-10-15, name these artists who are not Howard Shore but are featured on the soundtracks.
- A) Fellowship of the Ring, "May It Be"

Enya

B) Return of the King, "Into the West"

Annie Lennox

C) The Two Towers, "Evenstar"

Isabel Bayrakdarian

- 16. Much like in the Christian heaven, there are ranks of spirits who serve Iluvatar. FTPE, name them from descriptions.
- A) These are the spirits who sang Arda into existence; they remain with Iluvatar.

The Ainur

B) These are a special class of the Ainur who descended to the planet to care for it and now live in Valinor.

The Valar

C) The class of spirits who serve the Valar. They interact most closely with men and elves.

The Maiar

- 17. We all know that movies create a possibility for marketing! Name these brands that did LOTR-themed promotions, FTPE.
- A) Once you pop, you don't stop craving the salty-sweet flavor of...Legolas?

Pringles

B) This airline company actually painted a jet with promotional images from the movie posters.

Air New Zealand

C) This company controlled the production of most of the action figures.

ToyBiz

- 18. Who would Tolkien be if not for his many insane fans? And most of them are on the internet. Prove how 1337 you are and get fifteen points for identifying each of these websites.
- A) This very popular site collects news and images by way of "RingerSpies".

TheOneRing.net

B) Not as popular, but exceedingly useful, this is the most comprehensive site about Tolkien's invented languages that you are likely to find on the net.

Ardalambion

- 19. Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we may die...but mostly drink. 5-10-15, name these Middle Earth beverages.
- A) The enhanced water Treebeard offers to Merry and Pippin.

Ent-draught

B) Ordinary elf cordial, seemingly akin to the energy drinks of today.

Miruvor

C) The drink of the Eldar, given to Eriol at the Cottage of Lost Play.

Limpë

20. Love is in the air in Arda. FTPE, name these pairs of lovers from Tolkien's mythology.

(Note: two answers required each time.)

A) They fought Morgoth together to recover a Silmaril; she loved him so much that she went to the land of the dead to save his soul.

Beren and Lúthien

B) The last of the great elf/human couples, she chose mortality instead of leaving with her people at the end of the Third Age.

Aragorn and Arwen

C) He was an elf-king; she was a Maia. When he met her, he stood speechless for years, and when they married, she protected his kingdom of Doriath with her magic.

Thingol and Melian

- 21. FTPE, given a line from the poem of the ring, give the line that follows (in English, not the dark speech of Mordor).
- A) Three rings for the Elven-kings under the sky,

Seven for the Dwarf-lords in their halls of stone

B) Nine for Mortal Men doomed to die,

One for the Dark Lord on his dark throne

C) One ring to rule them all, One ring to find them,

One ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them

- 22. Since it seems like every time a character introduces himself, he gives his father's name, it should be easy to name the father, given the name of the son, FFPE and a bonus five for all correct.
- A) Legolas

Thranduil

B) Pippin

Paladin II

C) Gimli

Gloin

D) Sam Gamgee

Hamfast or Ham or Gaffer

E) Eomer

Eomund

- 23) Some celebrities are just as big of geeks as you are (maybe). F15 PE, name these highly geeky famous people.
- A) This man has read the books every year for the last many, many years. Along with Viggo Mortensen, he had considerable input on the movie script and originally wanted to play Gandalf.

Christopher Lee

B) This singer/songwriter would read LOTR to her stomach while she was pregnant, and named her daughter Natasha Lórien, citing the passage where Legolas talks about those woods as being "the fairest" and always alive with color.

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